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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No.: 20882.NP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	<b>STEVEN J. MILLER</b>	)	<b>RESPONSE TO</b> <b>FEBRUARY 12, 2004</b> <b>OFFICE ACTION</b>
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Serial No.:	10/601,344	)	
Filed:	June 20, 2003	)	
Title:	<b>TEAT CUP SYSTEM</b>	)	
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Examiner:	Nguyen, Son T.	)	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2004 for the above-identified application for patent. In light of the amendments and remarks provided in each of the separate sections below, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application as the application is now in a condition for allowance.

In addition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), Applicant is submitting a petition for a one month extension of time, along with the proper fee of \$55.00.

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I hereby certify that the enclosed Response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via First Class mail service under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.8 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patent, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Respectfully submitted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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